



Looking ahead to the holidays: Please mark your calendar for the following events.

All are welcome and we encourage you to use these services and events to invite others to Shepherd of the Woods.

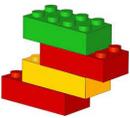
In addition to worship through Word and music there are also opportunities for service through holiday food donations, Angel Tree gifts sponsors and by assisting with Fellowship Meals. Please prayerfully consider how you might offer the gifts of time and talents.



Angel Tree Gift Program – The Christmas gift tags for children from the Angel Aid Foundation are available in the hallway. This organization supports families with terminally ill children. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these children with a Christmas gift. **If you take a tag, please make sure you leave your name and contact information on the clipboard at the display.**



Advent Fellowship Dinner & Service of Light – Wed, Nov 29 We begin the Advent season with a fellowship meal at 5:30pm and special Service of Light at 6:30pm. This beautiful candlelit service is a time of worship and reflection as we enter the holy time leading up to the birth of Christ. Please make plans to attend and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you! **Please RSVP on the Yellow Insert.**



"Lunch -n- Legos" - Sun, Dec 3, 12:30 pm-4:30 pm, for our children's youth ministry, ages PreK4-6th grade. Fellowship, food, and fun when we come together to eat pizza and enjoy building with Legos. Kids are welcome to bring their own Legos if they like! This is a great opportunity for parents to take four hours for yourselves during the busy holiday season! We will provide childcare and supervision so you can enjoy your afternoon. In addition, we will make ornaments for the nursing home residents that our Shepherd of the Woods carolers will be visiting the following weekend. Please encourage your children to bring a friend! **Please sign up on the Yellow Insert and let us know how many children will be attending so we can plan the meal.**



Ladies' Christmas Luncheon – Ladies of all ages are invited to join us on **Sat, Dec 9** from 11am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad or a dessert (or both if you choose!) and enjoy a time of food, fun and fellowship. It is always a wonderful time!

Children's Christmas Program - Our Little Lambs ELC children and our Sunday School children will celebrate the season in Word and song **Wed, Dec 13th at 6:00pm**. Plan to attend and be blessed by the proclamation of the young ones.



Family Christmas Caroling – **Sun, Dec 10th at Noon** – All are welcome as we visit shut-ins and assisted living facilities to minister to members and others in our community. We will gather in the Shepherd Center at 11:30 for a quick meal. **Please indicate your participation on the Yellow Insert so we can plan the groups and routes.**

Fellowship Dinner & Christmas Cantata – Wed, Dec 20 - We will celebrate the season in worship with Word through music. The program will be presented again on Christmas Eve at the 9:30pm service.



Holiday Meal Baskets – We are collecting non-perishables for our friends in ministry at Angel Aid for their family Christmas Baskets. There is a specially marked bin in the Gathering Area for this food drive. You are welcome to continue providing items to our food pantry during the drive.

For the Thanksgiving baskets: canned fruit and vegetables, canned soups and broth, boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, jars of gravy or gravy mixes, baking items, cranberry sauce, juices and shelf-stable milk. Paper products are also appreciated.



Grocery store gift cards and financial donations are also appreciated. Just mark your check or envelope Thanksgiving Basket or use the Care Square for debit/credit donations. Gift cards will be used to buy fresh vegetables, meats and milk.

We continue collecting after Thanksgiving to support Angel Aid in making Christmas food baskets. Angel Aid is a non-profit organization that supports families who have a terminally-ill or chronically ill child. Their Thrift Store accepts household items year-round and all proceeds help families with medical